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Dr. Bernard Parker and sophomore Jude Clover swap places for a day. See page 4 for story.

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Professor Slaby dismissed 'for cause'

by Rachel Barlage

On Mar. 3, Chairman of the Management and Marketing Department, Professor Frank Slaby, was dismissed from Saint Joseph's College "for cause."

President Albert Shannon would not comment further on the reason for dismissal out of respect for Slaby's confidentiality and also because the administration does not publicly discuss personnel issues.

According to the terms of agreement in his contract, one of the reasons that a tenured professor such as Slaby can be dismissed is "for cause," which is defined as a "serious violation of the accepted Christian norms of moral conduct."

Shannon said that "all

of the contract procedures for dismissal were followed very, very carefully." These procedures begin with a written notice from the Vice President for Academic Affairs, in this case Dr. Bernard Parker.

Once the professor has been notified of his or her dismissal, he or she can request a hearing before the Handbook and Tenure committee.

According to Parker, this hearing is "a formal affair, but it's not legalistic." At this time, Slaby has not requested a hearing, but he is still within the appeal window. Once a decision has been made by the committee, the professor may appeal to the President.

The College administration had three attorneys advising them on the case, including Michael Blickman, an

attorney with the firm Ice, Miller, Donadio & Vyan. Blickman would not comment on the case other than saying, "This is an internal personnel matter, and it's very serious in nature." Efforts to contact Slaby were unsuccessful.

Parker said that the College is already in the process of replacing Slaby, whose classes will be taught by Robert Monfort, Walter Scherb, and Musa Pinar for the rest of this semester.

Dr. Shannon remarked that, "My major concern at the institution was that students were able to make the transition in classes and not suffer at all." According to Parker, there has been "very little inconvenience with the students" who had classes with Slaby.



photo by John Groppe

Seniors Sean Mangan and Andy Berry do dishes at the Catholic Worker House for Professor Groppe's Core 10 Class. See story on page 3.

'Grappler' hits Justin

by DeAnn Hazzard

It is late in the evening and suddenly there is a knock on a window of the first floor of Justin Hall. A student turns to see who or what is making the annoying sound and, unfortunately, it is a shocking sight.

The sight is of a man masturbating with a sweatshirt pulled over his head. This incident has occurred four times on campus and, recently, a similar incident occurred by the Pizza Hut in town.

A man suspected of committing the crime was arrested on Feb. 25, the night of the last occurrence at Justin. However, because of the lack of a positive ID due to a discrepancy in the description of the suspect's license plate, he

was released.

According to the head of security, Ernest Watson, it is very difficult to catch the offender because by the time security is notified, he is already gone.

Security has not been increased because the incidents occur at different times. Watson also remarked that he was surprised that the "grappler" has never been noticed before committing the act.

Watson said that, in response to these occurrences, security is "doing what we've always been doing"—patrolling the campus. The Police Department is carrying on an investigation, but they are facing the same problems that campus security is.

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Committee endorses key lock system

by Jeffrey Kirch

Since security concerns were brought to light in STUFF, the issue has repeatedly come up in the Student Senate and Faculty Assembly meetings. Two options were discussed at the Senate meetings, and the Student Life Committee of the Faculty Assembly has endorsed the installation of a managed key lock system.

Their proposal "endorses the concept of a managed key access system for the campus, which will allow each dormitory to be locked 24 hours a day. A student escort system will be implemented in conjunction with the managed key system."

The managed key system entails replacing the lock

cylinders on all doors. A student's key would only open their respective dorm's exterior door and their room.

In order to gain access at any time to any other dorm, a student would have to call ahead to have someone open the door.

The escort system, which was also endorsed, would require guests of the opposite sex to be escorted at all times while in the dorms.

According to Vice President for Student Affairs, Bill Maniscalco, "The card swipe system [which was another security option] was accident prone and easy to vandalize. The cost was also substantially higher."

The card swipe system would cost an estimated

\$65,000. Yet, the managed key lock system would only cost \$13,000. According to Maniscalco, the key lock system has been budgeted, and if all goes well it will be installed this summer.

Maniscalco also believes that the key lock system will empower students. Maniscalco said, "It gives the students responsibility and requires them to make sensible, adult decisions."

Yet, he does add that no security device is 100% effective. "If students want to get in a dorm without a key, they can," Maniscalco said.

Maniscalco added, "The details are still being worked out, but the system seems to have worked well at other small schools."

Rec center should be accessible to all

I am writing this opinion in accordance with a letter to the editor that STUFF received from seniors Mary Quasney and Jennifer Seberger earlier this semester.

I would like to further expand upon the availability of the Hanson Recreation Center to non-athlete students.

After the letter to the editor ran in our January 26 issue, I became more aware of the limited access non-athletes have to the rec center.

Almost immediately following the January 26 issue of the paper, the rec center was closed for an entire Saturday so a particular sports team could hold camps in order to raise money for their organization. I began to wonder: if sport teams can close down the rec center at various times for the benefit of their organization, why can't STUFF shut down the computer lab for our personal use when

we have to layout the newspaper?

Granted, this might sound absurd since the computer labs are used for papers and other classroom related projects, but the computer lab and the rec center are both facilities that all students must pay, in some way, to use. Therefore, if all students are paying to use these facilities they should be available to students, athlete or non-athlete, STUFF editor or not, to use at their convenience during the scheduled open hours of each facility.

I have also wondered why day students must pay to use the rec center. Commuter students have very hectic schedules and I find it hard to believe they have the time or the desire to run around the track or use the weight room between classes. If they wanted to use it after class, that might propose an obstacle for the rec center is closed be-

tween 3p.m. to 6p.m.. Since most commuter students have a somewhat lengthy drive ahead of them at the end of the day, I doubt that many stick around until after 6p.m. to use the rec center.

I believe that the rec center should be available to all students at any time the rec center is open during the day. If student athletes believe that they deserve to use the rec center when they choose for conditioning, then can they learn how to share, or start holding more camps (outside) to raise money for their own weight room?

Since that idea seems rather unattainable, I propose to the administration to reevaluate the necessity of rec center fees. If students want to pay the \$120.00 annually to use the rec center, more power to them. Yet, I believe that students should have the option of putting their \$120.00 towards any other organization on campus that they

devote their time and energy to.

Campus Ministry, Minority Student Union, STUFF, WPUM, etc., could all benefit from this extra money. If this is done, students who then want to use the rec center on an occasional basis could be charged a nominal amount to their student account every time they use the rec center.

Student facilities are for students, athlete or not, and should be available to all students at all times during scheduled open hours. If the administration is not willing to accommodate all students, they should allow students the option of the rec center fee or placing their money elsewhere. If that were possible, STUFF could actually begin to dream of a new computer, a printer, a scanner...and we wouldn't have to worry about finding an open computer during layout week.

--Candace McGroarty

Letter to the Editor

In Memory of Father Rudolph Bierberg, C.P.P.S.

Dear Editor,

About a year and a half ago, a great-uncle of the family fell into a coma due to a stroke. I kept meaning to visit him in the hospital, but there just never seemed to be enough time.

The day that I decided to MAKE TIME, I asked my mom to accompany me in my visit. With a get-well card in hand, I arrived at his room, only to find an empty bed. He had died just half an hour earlier.

The following Tuesday, I asked Father Bierberg if he could say Mass in memory of my uncle. Thinking that I had learned a lesson, little did I know that Father Bierberg would be the next special person that there wouldn't seem to be "enough

time in the day" for.

Expecting that his illness would not allow him to return to Saint Joseph's, I paid Father Bierberg a final visit on the morning of his departure for Ohio.

I told him how much I always enjoyed his Mass, as he always inspired me with his portrayals of the Bible. With feelings of regret, I admitted to him that I wished I had recorded his homilies, just to be sure that I would never forget the lessons that he taught.

On that morning, though, he taught me one last lesson--one that I KNOW I will never forget. When I told him how much I admired his wisdom, he modestly replied, "Just

read the scriptures and reflect on them. That's all I do."

The day before Father Bierberg died, I asked Sister Patricia Robinson for his address, as I had been meaning to do since he left for Ohio. Even as I asked her, I had a strange feeling that somehow I wouldn't be able to get a card or letter in the mail soon enough.

Just as my intuition had told me, the morning of Friday, February 24, within less than two hours after receiving Father Bierberg's address via e-mail, I received a second e-mail message from Sister Pat which stated that he had died that morning.

I hope that by sharing this message with all of the Saint Joseph's College Community, I

will further learn the very important lesson which I thought I had learned through my great-uncle: TAKE TIME FOR PEOPLE. No matter how busy life may seem, human beings are most important. If you believe otherwise, then, just when you think you've found time to share with someone, it may just be too late.

I do know enough about him to know that he was special; one that we could all learn from. But to those of you who are honored enough to have known Father Rudolph Bierberg in the way that I wish I had taken the time to know him, my consolation goes out to you for your loss.

--Cheri Bowsher

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Groppe takes Core 10 students to Chicago shelters

by Julia Garcia

According to Professor John Groppe, the purpose of his Core 10 section is "to help the students define a Christological basis for an ethic of nurturing and developing human dignity." On Feb. 5 and Feb. 26, the "abstract ideas took on flesh and blood" as students from Groppe's class volunteered their time at two Chicago shelters.

Several of Groppe's students volunteered their services at The Saint Catherine of Genoa Catholic Worker on Feb. 5. The Catholic Worker is a shelter designed to provide temporary housing and services to homeless men, women and children whose lives are affected by HIV or AIDS.

The staff tries "to help them get their lives in order... and overcome a possible addiction," stated Groppe. By providing access to resources, the shelter attempts to help these people "live effectively on their own," he added.

Before students arrived at the shelter, they prepared a spaghetti meal to be served. "We also helped with household chores that workers weren't able to get around to," stated volunteer Estormenta Morning.

Students cleaned shelves, vacuumed, served meals, and cleaned the kitchen. They also did other chores for the staff and socialized with the residents of the shelter.

On Feb. 26, some students volunteered at the Chicago Chris-

tian Industrial League. This shelter provides meals, clothing, and other social services to those in need. At this shelter, some students prepared and served meals while others performed household chores.

The purpose of volunteering, as it relates to Core 10, was to "put our ideas and everything we had talked about into action," stated volunteer Andrew Berry. Aside from obvious goodwill, the visit also allowed students to explore "agencies that attempt to develop and protect people's human dignity," stated Groppe.

"People infected with HIV may have a hard time holding on to their dignity. The Catholic Worker is a place that helps them get ahold

of their dignity," stated Berry.

"I feel that the shelter, in whole, gives people infected with HIV some of their dignity back," added Morning.

Now, after the visits, Groppe has noticed a change in his students. "They are questioning their own attitudes and ethical ideas more than before. Things they took for granted, such as their own self-worth, are not taken for granted," said Groppe.

For the most part, students were glad to have volunteered their time to a helpful cause. "It didn't open my eyes to anything new, but it did help me understand people in their situation," stated volunteer Christopher Koschnick.



Photo by John Groppe
Storme Morning enjoys volunteering her time for others. Here she is folding towels for residents at an HIV shelter in Chicago.

Two SJC seniors participate in national conference

by Ashley Pierce

Seniors Holly Canalia and Brent Eastwood were recently selected to participate in the 21st Annual National Undergraduate Honors Conference that was held at DePauw University in Chicago on Mar. 17-19.

Canalia and Eastwood will be presenting papers that they produced as part of a Senior Seminar project, a requirement for all communication majors.

Canalia's paper is entitled "The Myth of the Seattle Scene" and Eastwood's is entitled "Crisis Rhetoric and Its

Application to Bush's Address Concerning the Persian Gulf Incident."

Senior Merrill Ruggaber was selected as an alternate for the conference.

The National Undergraduate Honors Conference is a program that "provides an opportunity for undergraduates majoring in communications to meet with leading scholars in the communications field," according to Communications Professor Maureen Montgomery.

A total of ninety-five papers from across the nation were submitted to the conference and, of those, twenty-seven were selected for presentation and analysis at the conference.

During the conference, Canalia and Eastwood reviewed their papers with Jo Sprague from San Jose State University, a leading scholar in the communications field.

They also discussed ways to improve their papers and how to get them published.

Both Eastwood and Canalia enjoyed attending the conference. Canalia said, "It was a real honor to be chosen, and I met a lot of wonderful people and found out how far hard work will get you."

Eastwood added; "It was a good experience."

Justin Hall 'Grappler' may return to campus (story continued from page 1)

It is suspected that this individual is someone who lives in Rensselaer. Unfortunately, more of these incidents are possible.

"He'll probably grapple himself here again and, hopefully, we can catch him. With the help of the students we might have a good chance of getting him," said Watson.

Although it may seem that crime is on the rise at

Hanson Center discussed before Senate by Jeffrey Kirch

According to President Eric McKeown's Feb. 27 Senate report, "Several students and faculty members have complained that [the Hanson Recreation Center] has become an athletic team facility first and a community facility second."

The Rec Center is now reserved from 3-6 pm on weekdays for the use of athletic teams, which has caused a dispute on the proper use of the facility.

McKeown researched Rec Center documents and found a ranked list of priorities that the contributors of the building endorsed.

The first priority is "to provide physical and fitness facilities for college students, faculty, and staff. The second priority is "to provide an organized intramural and recreation sports program for college students."

The third priority is to "provide limited athletic practice opportunities for college-funded athletic programs."

McKeown also discovered that between the hours of 3-6pm on weekdays, there must always be one court open to students and faculty no matter what athletic teams are in the Rec Center. Athletic Director Lynn Plett agrees with McKeown's findings. He said, "If the court becomes too crowded and there is need for more open space, the athletic team is to move."

"A Recreation Center Advising Committee will be formed this spring to address the usage of the Rec Center. It will be made up of the Athletic director, faculty members, student members, the Rec Center Manager, and the intramural director," Plett added.

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can't do it without the students' help. Be aware of the people around you—if you see someone strange, call us and we'll be there in time to see if it's him. We can catch the guy if we work together."

According to Watson, a new key system "has been discussed with the Student Life Committee and is in the works of getting things done. This system will cover all dorms and Halleck Center."

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Sacco's World

by J.W. Sacco

We left my house around 11 p.m. and had been driving for only about 10 minutes when we reached our destination. We parked our car, I grabbed the camcorder and we walked to the old abandoned warehouse that stood about a block from us. We were in the Wrigleyville neighborhood - going to a rave party.

We walked to an iron gate and found a big burly man with his arms crossed and a very mean expression on his face. This man was in the mood to kick some ass.

"You guys eighteen?" he asked.

We nodded our heads.

"You guys got 5 bucks a piece?" he asked us again.

Again we nodded our heads and pulled out our money.

"Have fun. Oh yeah, don't you even think about bringing that camera in," he told me with an evil smile.

To get into the rave you had to crawl on all fours under a brick wall (there was some sort of tunnel dug under it), and then you entered another tunnel about 6 feet high. This tunnel was about 200 feet long and covered with tin foil with a strobe light pulsating away.

We could now hear the music and I was getting really excited; this was my first rave in a long time. We entered the "main hall," if you will, and there was a huge crowd of people bouncing up and down (known as "raving").

Three of the people that I was with took off right away into the middle of the dance floor. My friend Tom, my best friend Jenny, and I were left standing there. We walked over to the "souvenir" tables to see what they had to offer. We made it to the first stand and saw all the fine hemp related products that this man had to offer. Uninterested, I went out onto the dance floor and joined the crowd.

Finally, the rest of my friends made it out to the dance floor and I could already tell that I would be driving home from this fine event.

The sun began to rise and the music turned from the pulse pounding techno to the relaxing ambient (slow techno), the lights were shut off and we left. All of our shirts were sticking to us, including Jenny's (Happy Birthday), thanks to the sweat that left our bodies.

We were tired, we were hungry, we went to a rave, and we had FUN!

Student and administrator see campus through different perspective

by Matt Owens

Two weeks before Spring Break, on Feb. 20, St. Joseph's non-alcoholic club, ACES, put on yet another fun-filled night at Core XI with their non-alcoholic drink night. Rob Conerty, Darren Barker, and Bradley Gellert put on a special two guitar with bongo drums performance for all the people who attended the free fun.

Senior Brian Kufner, the head of ACES, commented that these type of activities "give students entertaining alternatives to alcohol."

"It's great to see people from the SJC Community out having a great time," agreed ACES participant Jude Clover, "without the influence of alcohol."

For this event, ACES had professors slaving behind the bar, trying to keep up with the demands of the students for non-alcoholic Strawberry Daiquiris and Pina Coladas.

The gracious faculty and staff who offered their time included Brian Capouch, William Maniscalco, Bernard Parker, Dorothy Jones, Christine Primeau, Walter Scherb, Bill White, Brian Studebaker and Bill Jennings.

"I think they should have more opportunities for students and

faculty to mix together in a social atmosphere," stated Sophomore Sherrie Jankowski, "so we can get to know them more as people."

This non-alcoholic night was advertised as The Flip Side because ACES sold raffle tickets and the two lucky winners drawn for the Grand Prizes would switch places for a day with President "Skip" Shannon and Vice President for Academic Affairs, Dr. Bernard Parker.

Prof. Maureen Montgomery believed this sort of activity is an "excellent opportunity for students to experience the business aspect as opposed to the student aspect of college."

Jude Clover's name was drawn for the Dr. Parker switch and, on March 1, he and Dr. Parker, who suggested the idea to begin with, switched their schedules and lived a day in the other's environment.

Clover's day was filled with various professors and administrators briefing him on topics ranging from next Fall's enrollments to proposed new majors. Also, he listened to the many different 1995-1996 budget proposals of the various departments and took part in the Academic Cabinet Meeting.

On his big day, Clover tried to be a "man of the people" by approving many expenditures, such as various scholarships and building

improvements, which might be shoved under the rug now that his tenure is over.

Clover said that all the faculty he talked with treated him with respect and the whole day was a great "learning experience."

While Clover worked in the office, Parker attended all of Clover's classes, including Oral Communications and Educational Psychology, and diligently took notes and asked questions. Later on, he went to Clover's tennis practice and showed the team his moves. Both participants enjoyed their days and wouldn't mind doing it again.

The lucky winner of the Shannon switch was Matt Cuff, but because of both their busy schedules, they have not switched yet. President Shannon feels that doing this helps him "stay in touch with the students."

Their switch will be a little different than the other one because they will each "tag-a-long" with the other on two separate days. President Shannon said that the two of them will try to meet for classes, do some research, read some homework, and eat in the cafeteria on the "student day."

While they are following Shannon's schedule, they plan on breakfast in the boardroom, attending the various meetings, and anything else that comes up.



Dr. Parker diligently took notes for Jude Clover, who spent his day taking care of administrative duties. Hopefully those notes will help Clover on the next exam!

Photo by Rachel Hempel

Annual Little 500 is not on track this year

By Dave Lieb
Special reporter to STUFF

With Little 500 about a month away, the time has come for both drivers and organizers to concentrate on the race. Some drivers have expressed disappointment with the organization of the race thus far by co-chairpersons Sean Shannon and Rhonda Hanley. Only two driver's meetings have been held this year, with the last one in early November.

Sophomore Mike Delporte, a race veteran, comments, "I feel VERY uninformed...I'm close to feeling alienated." Junior Matt Davy, last year's winner, feels much the same way: "They [the co-chairs] exclude the drivers from the planning process. What have they been doing for the last 10 weeks?" According to both Davy and Delporte, the drivers have not been given important information about the race, including race length, driver/pit crew waivers, advertisement possibilities and the itinerary for the weekend.

Sean Shannon admits that the race is coming together more slowly than last year, but points out that he does not have much help because "not many people are willing to participate." Rhonda Hanley also mentioned a lack of experience and the loss of Vicki Kosowsky and Jennifer Haberkorn, whom were instrumental in the organization of last year's race.

Although the drivers appear to be uninformed, Shannon and Hanley have made some progress on plans for race weekend. The driver's banquet has been arranged and a drawing has been submitted for T-shirts, which will be ordered sometime this week.

"What have they been doing for the last 10 weeks?"

According to Hanley, this year's program will be printed in the computer center instead of using an

outside printer; this will save money without compromising quality. However, it appears that Shannon and Hanley will have their work cut out for them; arrangements still must be made for advertisements, booths, and the lay-out of the program. Also, drivers must be provided information pertinent to the race. Although he did not specify any certain time, Shannon plans to hold a meeting to better inform the drivers "within the next week or two."

There will be a few changes with this year's festivities. With the construction of the Core building, the course will be altered so that it passes by the power plant. There will not be a Little 500 parade, and the awards banquet will be less formal.

The race length has not yet been disclosed, but it may be shortened due to the stress that the four nearly 90 degree turns of the track will produce. There will be nine student drivers, with twenty-five drivers reported to be interested in the

alumni race.

With talk of President Shannon's plans to make campus closed to traffic and problems with race weekend costs, the future of the Little 500 is in question.

Sean Shannon thinks that there may not be a go-cart race within 3-5 years; instead, a push-cart or bicycle race may serve as a replacement. Rhonda Hanley speculates that a roller blade race may be added, but the cart race will continue. Delporte feels the go-cart race will continue, but acknowledges changes must be made. "It can't continue in its present form; costs must be controlled."

Senior Ed Balas, veteran race driver, foresees a future where the Alumni race is bigger than the student race, thus generating funds that will make the race financially feasible. Sean Shannon has been invited to a meeting where the future of the race will be discussed with members of the school administration; maybe some answers will then be found.

Death Penalty: should morality be brought into the Constitution?

by Sean Mangan

Capital punishment is controversial on both a moral and Constitutional basis. Recently, Judge Michael Kanne of the Indiana Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals and Bob Hammerle, the lawyer who represented the recently executed Gregory Resnover, lectured students on the Constitutional issues surrounding capital punishment.

Judge Kanne has passed judgement on death penalty cases while on the bench and was able to illustrate to the group the various precedents which have made capital punishment constitutional by the Supreme Court. Due to the uniqueness of the death penalty because it is irrevocable, Judge Kanne expressed the emotional strain he endures while deliberating on a capital case.

Fr. James Froelich sat in on the lecture and was open to the views of Judge Kanne. "I don't want to misrepresent my reaction because I

thought the judge made a very good presentation. As the uncle and cousin of three violently murdered people, I still fail to see how the sorrow caused to the family of the executed murderer can do anything to relieve the sorrow of the family of those who were murdered," commented Fr. Froelich.

Ideally, bias and personal beliefs shouldn't enter into Constitutional decisions, but capital punishment does have very moral and religious roots which tend to shape opinions.

"I thought the most interesting part about the judge's presentation was the point he made about Justice Brennan and his tendency to adjust the Constitution to his own moral opinions. I thought that was a great point because, a lot of times, the Constitution can be bent or molded to whatever you think," stated Jeff Coan.

Domenic Maciariello agrees with the need for objectivity in Constitutional decisions and stated, "I feel

that imposing the death penalty on a convicted murderer is a Constitutional question and not a moral one. Morals play no part in the decision."

One of the cases which illustrates the controversial nature of capital punishment is the Gregory Resnover case. He was the last person in Indiana to receive the death penalty and the circumstances regarding his defense were very questionable. His first defense lawyer did not know the evidence until the trial

started. From that point on, Resnover received an inadequate defense at best.

Bob Hammerle, who took the Resnover case a year before he was executed, put together a very dynamic and emotion-filled defense. He was unable, however, to enter evidence into the case which had been overlooked by Resnover's previous lawyers. This evidence was compelling enough to easily remove Resnover's capital sentence.



Artwork by Jason Deerwester

Basketball seasons come to a close

By Becky Johnson

Basketball is over for the Pumas this year. After a triumphal stretch-run through the regular season that saw the women win the Great Lakes Valley Conference and earn a third place ranking in the Region, the Lady Pumas' year came to an end with a loss to Oakland College in the NCAA Division II Basketball Tournament.

At first it looked as though the Pumas were going to defeat Oakland as the opposing team only made 4 out of 17 shots during the beginning half of the game. In fact, the Lady Pumas led by fifteen at one point. Unfortunately, defensive breakdowns hit them hard and Oak-

land was able to recover.

The season, however, should not be judged on this final game. The Lady Pumas had a glorious record this year, winning ten out of eleven road games.

Saint Joseph's new coach, Lynn Plett, spoke about the "supportive team efforts" of the girls. "The team never had thirteen players, due to year-long injuries to different players," he said. "After Christmas, things really began to look positive and kept getting better."

He also spoke of the "unselfish attitudes of the whole team." When asked who were the leaders of the team, Plett replied "The four Seniors [Stacie] Shepherd, [Lori] Hissong, [Diane] Poulson, and

[Sondra] Green set examples for the team, but everyone played equally hard all year."

The men's "unforgettable" basketball season this year saw more than its share of disappointments. Although the season began with high hopes of returning to the NCAA Tournament, a combination of injuries and illnesses saw those hopes destroyed.

Still, according to Head Coach Bill Bland, the team "didn't give in," and managed to score solid victories against conference opponents Kentucky State, and Bellarmine. In addition, Senior Harry Perry and Junior Kevin Denson were recognized as two of the top ten players in the GLVC.

Although they didn't

make the tournament this year, Bland has not let that discourage him for the future.

"We have high hopes of making a stronger team for next year," Bland said. "After all, no one plays harder than we do."

This season had its difficulties due to the flu, pneumonia, and injuries to ankles, hands, and knees. Even the coach had some difficulties making it all the time.

"It's been a crazy, crazy year," Bland said. "Out of twenty-seven games, I missed four due to personal problems."

Saint Joseph's men's opponents included four that were in the top 20 in the country. The highlight of their season might possibly have been in a loss when they pushed

perennial Division II power, University of Southern Indiana, to the limit.

The men's basketball program will be back, though. Coach Bland is so confident that they will rebound from this season that he is already plotting his team's future.

"Plans are already being made for next season because the team is willing to work all the time" explained Bland.

Official practice for both the men's and women's programs will begin October 15. During the time in between, the players will be sharpening their skills with pick-up games, and improving their physical condition by running, and spending time in the weight room.

Track team proving to be successful

By Jill Peterson

The Puma track team continues to fulfill Coach Bill Massoels expectations and then some. The seventy-two members of the squad have stayed healthy, mentally sound, and are perpetually pushing one another to succeed not only as individuals, but as a team as well. With the most recent meet at Wabash College, the men's program is ranked 18th among NCAA Division II schools.

Saint Joseph's contestants showed excellent effort at the outdoor relay team meet. Freshmen discus throwers Toby Cheatham and Bryan Hall threw for a total distance of 294 feet, in which Hall broke an individual school record of 154.4 feet. Sophomore long-jumper Deidra Hook, along with Senior Jen Seberger and Freshman Megan West, won the long jump contest. The women's throwing team, consisting of Junior Dena Gaumer, Sophomore Christina McCoy, Junior Melissa York, and Senior Captain Lisa Musser, was also pleased with their per-

formance. Musser noted, "Since all four of us are upper-classwomen, we should have a strong season because of our experience."

Laura Witek, a sophomore who qualified for Nationals, praised the potential the freshmen have shown.

"Our entire team is excited about the fact that we have enough people to be competitive in every event. The freshmen have helped us out tremendously."

One freshman who deserves recognition is Jay Scafide. He qualified, along with Witek, to compete at the Division I and Division II National Indoor Track Championships held in Indianapolis two weeks ago in the 55 Meter Sprint.

"It is great to be part of such a prosperous team," Scafide said. "I'm really happy, especially for the seniors, because we are going to try to make this the best season possible for them."

The seniors Scafide speaks of include Rob Downen, Craig Fee, Chris Fitzgerald, Rodney Geter, Tracy Matuga, Musser, Lisa Perez, and Seberger.

"I could not ask for better senior leadership than has been exhibited thus far," Massoels said of this group.

Team support has also been a key to success for the Pumas in terms of motivation and encouragement.

Freshman Bill Bell noted, "We are running with a lot

of heart. The team supports one another immensely. This support is a motivator for the upcoming seven outdoor meets."

The main goal that Massoels hopes the team will achieve is to qualify as many participants as possible for the Indiana Intercollegiate meet, which is held in Indianapolis on April

15.

"By intensely focusing on our objectives, the indoor season prepared us for the outdoor competition," he said. "I feel that thirty to thirty-five of our athletes have the potential to advance to Nationals with the right preparation, weather, and a little luck."



The Lady Puma Softball team takes some batting practice recently in the Rec. Center. The team's next competition will be this weekend when they play in the Conference Cluster at Kentucky Wesleyan. Photo by Rachel Hempel.

Baseball team feels good start was made in Florida

By Erin Breetzke

While many students were anticipating spring break simply to get out of school, the Puma baseball team was anticipating the start of some competitive outside games in sunny Boca Raton, Florida. With a record of five wins, three losses, and two ties, the baseball team felt they had an eventful trip.

Before leaving, the players were readily anticipating the trip.

"We're well prepared and ready to go down there and do well as a team," Sophomore pitcher Marc Macias commented. "We're ready to get out and play baseball, meet new people, and grow as a family," he added.

Though the team travelled a long way and some players were fatigued, psyching up was not difficult.

"After practicing for months, we were just ready to go outside and play some ball," Junior second baseman Chris Cripe explained.

Simply being in new surroundings also helped psych up the team.

"The weather and scenery were a big factor. We were pumped and focused and ready to put our name on the board," Macias added.

The over-all view of the team's performance by their coach was quite positive.

"I thought it went well. With the two ties, we had opportunities to win with leads, but we didn't hold them," Head Coach Mike Moyzis explained. "We played a lot of guys and tried some new things," he added.

Some players thought they learned from the team's performance.

"We had a good trip and showed we could be really good and learn from the bad," Sophomore pitcher Andrew D'Amore stated.

The performance of the team weighed greatly on the effort the players put forth.

"They were very very focused and serious

about baseball. The free time and distractions had no bearing on their performance. There was 190% effort from every guy," Coach Moyzis stated.

The effort of the players, they feel, was deeply rooted in their dedication to each other.

"Everybody had a job to do. Everyone was involved in the game, even the guys on the bench stood behind their teammates," Senior pitcher Anwar Muhammad commented.

With all the hard work the players put into these games, they didn't get much of what they call down time. But they made the most of the down time they did have.

"Some guys laid by the pool or went to the mall. We got a chance to relax and hang out together," Sophomore pitcher Jame Holt said.

Coach Moyzis, never one to follow the adage of all work and no play, believes that this down time is an essential part of the trip.

"Some guys went to the beach or hung around the pool, and you need that. They're learning that it's not just wins and losses. It's the experience of being on the team and spending time together," Coach Moyzis commented.

Overall, the games were

both a mental and physical challenge to the players. A challenge that was, in fact, welcomed by many of them.

"After playing Villanova University (Pumas lost 14 to 8), we didn't know how everyone would react. [But] We never gave up and didn't back down," Muhammad explained.

All in all, everyone feels these games kicked off the season in a positive manner.

"These games kicked off the season excellent. We went to accomplish some things. It was trial and error and they were successful. It (the trip) was spring training, practice, and bonding," Coach Moyzis explained.

The players feel this trip and these games were positive as well.

"This is going to be a good season. The team seems loose and we're having fun and enjoying ourselves. Once we get out the tiny bugs, we'll be rockin' and rollin'," Muhammad stated.

Come out this weekend and see the Puma Baseball team in action, as they play host to a two-day tournament.

New coaches bring optimism to SJC football program

By Emily Karol

Joe Palka has been named Head coach of the Saint Joseph's College football team, ushering in a renewed sense of optimism among the players and fans.

Three other assistant coaches, Brendan Flaherty, Brian Coon, and Tom Riva have also joined the coaching staff. All have the experience needed to lead the Pumas to victory next season.

Flaherty played professional ball in Europe and coached at a high school in Detroit and at Eastern Michigan. Coon played at Albion College and coached at Kalamazoo College and Western Michigan. Riva also played at Albion College and professionally in Europe, and later coached at Western Kentucky and Wayne State.

Palka's past experience includes playing college football at Eastern Michigan University and coaching high school ball at Toledo Central Catholic High School in Ohio and Summerfield High School in Petersburg, Michigan.

Along with experience, Coach Palka also brings something else the team needs after two less than successful seasons a positive attitude to the team. He states that he is "excited about the opportunity to work with the players [he has] and is looking forward to the challenge of rais-

ing Saint Joseph football to another level."

He also plans to take an aggressive approach "both on offense and defense" and to "work to run the ball more consistently and to stop the run on defense."

Saint Joseph's football players are enthusiastic about their new coaching staff. Sophomore Quarterback Scott Moore comments, "Coach Palka has brought a new attitude to the football team. We're working a lot harder this year."

Junior Receiver Harvey Culver agrees that the team is putting forth more effort this year and explains, "Practices are much harder—we haven't had actual football practice yet, but he's trying to kill us with the running."

Junior Defensive End Doug Giordano is also excited about the coaches and the upcoming season. He states, "I'm happy with the decisions Coach Palka has made and with the coaching staff he has assembled so far."

Giordano feels that Palka has brought with him a new confidence and works hard to make the players believe in themselves on and off the field.

Teammate Culver adds, "He is very positive. He wants to win."

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Earth Week celebration planned

by Greg Potts

Last week, as we all made that reluctant trip to the Science Building to attend our afternoon classes, we no doubt passed the lucky hoards in front of Seifert and Merlini who could enjoy the unseasonably high temperatures.

This week we have seen the worst spring can offer; rain, rain, rain, and a bit more rain.

Next week could bring one of the infamous late March ice storms. Who knows?

Come hell or high water, next week make sure you stop by and check out one of the events offered by the

Saint Joseph's College Environmental Club's Earth Week. Earth Week will run from March 27-31.

There will be a variety of activities throughout the week including a bazaar, a poetry reading, lectures, special dinners in the cafe, and art displays.

Earth Week is an attempt by the SJC Environmental Club to not only heighten interest in environmental issues and problems that face us all, but it will also serve as a fund-raiser to help them sponsor more paper recycling and aluminum can recycling on campus.

Calendar of Events for Earth Week Sponsored by the Environmental Club

Tue. 28th: Surprise Theme Dinner in the cafe.

Wed. 29th: Nature Poetry Reading co-sponsored by Measure from 7:00-9:00pm in the old Snack Bar. All are welcome to read poetry.

Dr. Karen Craig will lecture on Chemicals In the Environment. Time and place to be announced.

Thur. 30th: Earth Week Bazaar in the Ballroom from 10:00am to 6:00pm. T-shirts as well as other items will be on sale. There will also be information concerning the environment on display.

Notes of Interest:

Art Display: Design II will be displaying their "recycled" sculptures in the SJC library.

Dr. Robert Brodman will lecture on the new Environmental Studies Major and Careers In the Environment. Time and place to be announced.

Join In: Any individual or club may join in Earth Week. If your club would like to help out or join in, please contact: Heather Lonborg, Klaudia Janek, Ellen Anderson, or Melissa York.

O.J. and Jordan monopolize the media

by Kathleen Brass

Last week I turned on the news to see what was going on in the world outside of Saint Joseph's College. Usually I see things like crimes that have occurred in the area, the weather, and cute little stories about cute little animals or babies that have been saved through new miracles of technology.

Well, on this particular day, the two head stories on the news were about O.J. Simpson and Michael Jordan.

Don't get me wrong, I like the Chicago Bulls, and I like to hear about celebrities, but I think that the media has gone way too far. It is my opinion that media, chiefly television, has a tendency to

over dramatize things, notably if they involve the rich and famous.

It makes me sick to think that the biggest part of some people's days depends upon the occurrences of the nationally televised O.J. trial.

Who really cares if the man is guilty or innocent, or if some cop said the infamous "N" word ten years ago?

What about the maid? The woman was so nervous, she wanted to leave the United States. The entire situation is out of control.

Then there is the whole Michael Jordan situation. Everyone is on the edge of their seats; first, to see if he is coming back, and, then, when he is coming back.

It truly perplexes me that a whole society gets that excited over one man. He is just a basketball player after all, not God.

In no way am I anti-O.J. or a Michael Jordan basher. I only think that the news should give news.

There should be more worldly issues and information on the nightly television news and in the newspapers.

A basketball player and accused murderer shouldn't be front page news for an entire week.

The media is what tells the world what is going on. There is more in life than Michael Jordan and O.J. Simpson.

Creative Student Showcase

Untitled

As the moonlight lingers in the window,
I can't sleep.
The darkness envelops my restlessness
And hangs in the dust.
I lay there searching for answers-
For serenity- Hoping emptiness will soon
Bring fullness.

I glance over at your resting body,
Enclosed by a mountain of blankets.
I touch your cheek with my hand.
I sit, I hope, I pray.

The moonlight falters into day,
The melodic rhythm of your breathing,
The presence of your being,
Your life -
Brings me a peace that darkness tries to destroy.

-Candace McGroarty